

**Ad hoc Committee on Responsible Contracting
Friday, April 26, 2013
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building**

Minutes

Members Present: Toni Moran (Deputy Mayor), Elizabeth Paterson (Mayor), Christopher Paulhus

Other Council Members Present: David Freudmann

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of March 25, 2013 were moved by Paulhus, seconded by Moran and approved unanimously as amended (correction to spelling of Viales in Public Comment).

2. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Jim Duffy, Labor Management Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut. Mr. Duffy advocated for the pre-qualification process, training and apprenticeship programs, and hiring locally.

Glenn Marshall, New England Council of Carpenters. Mr. Marshall advocated for a RCO. Mr. Marshall stated reasons why RCOs are needed, recommended components to a RCO, and reviewed cases in which RCOs were challenged in legal proceedings.

Kimberly Glassman, Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut & Jeremy Zeedyk, Sheet Metal Workers Local 40. Ms. Glassman advocated for a RCO and provided sample RCOs. Ms. Glassman spoke to apprenticeship programs, hiring locally, giving preference to local contractors, RCO enforcement. Mr. Zeedyk spoke to his personal positive experience with an apprenticeship program.

3. OTHER DISCUSSION

No action taken.

4. FUTURE AGENDAS

Staff from Windham Tech and Three Rivers and local contractors will be invited to speak at future meetings.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Zlotnick, Wormwood Hill Road. Mr. Zlotnick pointed out local contractors that hire locally.

Faith Gavin Kuhn, Executive Director of Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut. Ms. Gavin Kuhn spoke to the report issued by the Department of Administrative Services in response to PA 11-229.

Dave Jarvis, Plainville, New England Council of Carpenters. Mr. Jarvis spoke to his personal experience as an Ellis Tech graduate, the Killingly RCO, and the Killingly high school project. He cited himself as an example of a local person that benefited from the Killingly RCO by working on the high school project.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike Road. Mr. Hossack stated his opposition to a RCO and would like to see RCO discussions end.

Rob Peppin, Storrs Road. Mr. Peppin stated his opposition to a RCO. He expressed a concern that state certified training (apprenticeship) program language will eliminate local contractors from the public project process.

Ron Beebe, Davis Road. Mr. Beebe sought clarification as to why the Killingly RCO has been referenced.

Brian Anderson, Mansfield. Mr. Anderson advocated for a RCO. Mr. Anderson provided statistical data on Mansfield families that could benefit from a RCO. Mr. Anderson expressed his opinion that a RCO will help maintain local, quality workers for quality construction.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield